

## **Biographical Statement**

Franklin B. Benabise Jr. is a native of Oxnard California. He graduated from Santa Clara High School and began his Army career July 1989, as a Single Channel Radio Operator (31C).

Over the span of over 25 years in the Army, his assignments include: SSO Communications Team Member/Chief and Operations Sergeant, Military Intelligence Detachment, Group Support Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne), Ft. Lewis, WA; Detachment Sergeant, Korea Detachment, 112<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion (Airborne), Special Operations Command Korea (SOCKOR), Camp Kim, Korea; Communications NCO, Department of the Army Flyaway Team, Pentagon; NCOIC Telephone Section, Combatant Commander Support Team, HHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Signal Brigade, Korea; Detachment First Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD), and First Sergeant, 275<sup>th</sup> Signal Company, 41<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion, Camp Coiner, Korea; G3 Plans and Exercises NCOIC and First Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 311<sup>th</sup> Signal Command, Ft Shafter, HI; First Sergeant, Charlie Company and S3 NCOIC, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Ft Carson, CO; G6 Sergeant Major, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, Korea.

His military education and awards includes; all NCOES schools from PLDC to USASMA, Airborne School, Jumpmaster School and Ranger School. His awards and decorations include; Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (8<sup>th</sup> Award), Ranger Tab, Aircraft Crewmember Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Royal Thai Army Airborne Wings, Republic of Korea Parachutist Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge and the Bronze Order of Mercury.

He has earned a Bachelor degree in Management from National Louis University and a Masters Degree in Leadership Studies from University of Texas at El Paso.

